

PURERS IN THE NAVY NOT ACTIVELY EMPLOYED, &c.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House calling for the number and names of pursers in the navy not actively employed, &c.

JANUARY 13, 1859.—Laid upon the table and ordered to be printed.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *January 12, 1859.*

SIR: The resolution of the House of Representatives dated December 23, 1858, which directs "that the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to inform this House how many pursers of the navy, and their names, there be who are not actively employed, and how long each one of said pursers has been out of active employment or has not been to sea, the amount of the salary of each of said pursers, and the reasons of his not being actively employed in sea duty," has been received, and I have the honor to transmit herewith the accompanying statement in reply to the resolution.

I am, respectfully your obedient servant,

ISAAC TOUCEY.

Hon. JAMES L. ORR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Number and names of pursers in the navy who are not actively employed, and the length of time each one has been out of active employment, or has not been to sea; the amount of their salaries, and the reasons for "not being actively employed in sea duty."

No.	Names.	How long since at sea.	How long out of active employment.	Salaries.	Reasons for not being actively employed in sea duty.
1	F. A. Thornton.....	Nineteen years.....	Fourteen years and three months...	\$1,800	Ill health and old age.
2	Joseph Wilson.....	Nine years and six months.....	Three months.....	1,800	Relieved from shore duty three months since. Unfit for sea duty on account of old age.
3	John De Bree.....	One year and ten months.....	Ten months.....	1,800	Last cruise in a sloop. The vessels of the class suitable to his rank and services, viz., frigates, which have been put in commission since his return from sea, have been assigned to pursers who had stronger claims to be ordered to them.
4	Garrett R. Barry.....	Three years and nine months.....	Three years and seven months.....	1,800	Last cruise in a frigate. Since its expiration other pursers, who had never served in a vessel of that class, have been ordered.
5	Henry Etting.....	Eleven months.....	Nine months.....	1,800	Returned from a cruise in a sloop within a year. Entitled to shore duty.
6	John A. Bates.....	Three years and eight months.....	Two months.....	1,800	Relieved from shore duty two months since. No suitable vessel to his rank, to which he could be ordered, has been since fitted out.
7	A. E. Watson.....	Six years.....	One year.....	1,800	Relieved from shore duty one year ago. There has been no frigate fitted out since, to which class he is next entitled, having made his last cruise in a sloop.
8	Samuel Forrest ..	Eight months.....	Four years.....	1,800	Sick; sent home from a foreign station invalided.
9	William Speiden.....	Three years and eight months.....	1,800	Relieved from shore duty at Norfolk, on the 1st instant.
10	L. D. Slamm.....	Three years and eight months.....	Three months.....	1,400	Relieved from shore duty at Boston yard, October 1, 1853. Waiting for sea service.
11	James Fulton.....	1,000	Just appointed. No order has yet been given to him.

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